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### US Patent Documents

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### Remarks

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In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on this Information Disclosure Statement are called to the attention of the United

States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. No representation is made that the cited art is the only art or that the cited art represents the best art. The Examiner is urged to consider all of the cited documents and to make an independent evaluation of the teachings and materiality of each. This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/607,873, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,620,140 B1 (cite. no. 10 above). The remaining references cited herein were made of record in that parent filing and so are cited here for sake of completeness. If any additional fees are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

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